



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
May 3, 2007 Regular Board Meeting
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 North Alameda Street, Room 2-145
Los Angeles, California

Item 1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fran Diamond at 9:17 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Fran Diamond, Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz, H. David Nahai, Maribel Marin, Leo Vander Lans, and Dick Richardson

Board Members Absent: Brad Mindlin

Staff Present: Deborah Smith, David Bacharowski, Ronji Harris, Jack Price, Stephen Cain, Blythe Ponck-Bacharowski, David Hung, Michael Levy, Jennifer Fordyce, Samuel Unger, Dan Radulescu, Paula Rasmussen, Wendy Phillips, Rodney Nelson, Orlando Gonzalez, Cassandra Owens, Mazhar Ali, Hugh Marley, Renee DeShazo, Mary Ann Jones, Elizabeth Erickson

Individuals whose Names Appear on the Sign-In Sheet

Ms. Susan Paulsen, Flow Science	Ms. Ann Heil, L.A. County Sanitation District
Mr. Rand Plewak, Santa Monica Resident	Mr. Carlton Jordon, Equilon Enterprises
Ms. Tracy Egoscue, Santa Monica Baykeeper	Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay
Ms. Kirsten Thall Peters, Cooper, White LLP	Ms. Katherine Rubin
Mr. Larry Korrigan	Mr. Jim Kuykendall, Consultant
Ms. Katherine Malzacher-Maxwell, Malzacher Ranch	

Item 2. Order of Agenda.

MOTION: To approve the order of agenda.

There were no changes to the Order of Agenda.

First: Board Member Dick Richardson

Second: Board Member Maribel Marin

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

California Environmental Protection Agency



Recycled Paper

Our mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

Item 3. Approval of April 5, 2007 draft Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: To adopt the April 5, 2007 draft Meeting Minutes.

First: Board Member Leo Vander Lans

Second: Board Member Dick Richardson

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Item 4. Board Member Communications.

There were no communications reported that constitute the Ex Parte Communications disclosures.

Item 5. Executive Officers Report

Report given by Deborah J. Smith, Interim Executive Officer, and posted on the Board's website:

www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb4/html/eo_reports/eo_reports.html .

Item 5.a. Board Checklist.

There was no discussion or questions regarding the Board Checklist.

Item 5.b. Report from State Board.

Ms. Frances Spivey-Weber, State Board Liaison and Ms. Tam Dudoc, State Board Chair, gave Brief remarks about the Recycled Water as a high priority for the State and Regional Boards, and Mr. Gary Wolfe, State Board Member has been asked as lead for the Recycled Water Program Committee.

Ms. Dudoc commended the Los Angeles Regional Board on its staffs efforts and accomplishments. She indicated that it is a priority for the State Board to develop a partnership with all of the Regional Boards and Mr. Jonathan Bishop (the past L.A. Board Executive Officer) will be a key factor to achieving this goal. She stated that the Los Angeles Regional Board has been a leader in storm water management and that she looks forward to Mr. Bishop's input and experience to achieving this mission.

Item 6. Public Forum.

Speakers:

- Mr. Adam Gilbert, Resident in Los Angeles
- Mr. Rand Plewak, Concerned Citizen
- Ms. Kirsten James, Heal the Bay



Item 7. Uncontested Items Calendar.

MOTION: To deem non-controversial and approve Agenda Items 8, 9, and 10

**Board member David Nahai recused himself from the vote for Item 8, City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (Castaic Power Plant) matter.*

First: Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz

Second: Board Member Dick Richardson

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote.

Item 11. City of Santa Paula (New Santa Paula Wastewater Recycling Facility).

Introductory Remarks.

Ms. Wendy Phillips, Groundwater Permitting and Cleanup Section Chief

- Made introductory remarks and introduced the project managers that have worked on the completion of this permit
- Discussed the Malzacher Ranch owner objections and their concerns

Staff Report.

Ms. Elizabeth Erickson, Staff Geologist.

- Updated the Board on the status of the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs)
- The new plant will have a higher quality of effluent and potential for reuse (irrigation)
- Discussed the key differences with the existing and the newly proposed permit

Public Comment.

- Mr. Cliff Thinly, Director, City of Santa Paula Public Works (in support)
- Ms. Katherine Malzacher-Maxwell, Malzacher Ranch (opposed)
- Mr. Woody Maxwell, Malzacher Ranch (opposed)
- Dr. Edward McGowan, Representing self (opposed)

Board questions, discussion, and concerns:

- Would like assurances that the plant is going to be in compliance in 2010
- Concerns about the continuum of numerous violation occurrences over a stretch of time
- Clarification as to why the existing site is not longer going to be used
- If study proves that things need to be changed, is there a backup plan to prevent delays?

MOTION: To approve the Waste Discharge Requirements with the following changes:

- Change sheets as proposed by staff
- Add a new footnote to read as follows: *After two years of monitoring, monitoring can be reduced to compounds detected under this monitoring schedule. This reduction is subject to approval of a written request that should be submitted to the Executive Officer.*

First: Board Member David Nahai



Second: Vice Chair Mary Ann Lutz

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m. Minutes adopted at the June 7, 2007 Board meeting.

Written and submitted by: _____ on
Ronji R. Harris

